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Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas, the Election Commission of India may announce the schedule for ensuing Election 2019 shortly and the Code of Conduct would come into force on announcement of the said schedule. As required by the directions of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, District Administration is required to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of Election 2019 in the South Goa District;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, to impose ban for carrying of all type of arms, firearms and other lethal weapons, within the South Goa District, to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquillity or riot, of any affray during the electioneering period.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed arms holders in South Goa District.

Now therefore, I, Shri Agnelo A. J. Fernandes, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section

144 of Cr. P.C., 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, firearms, ammunition lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, thoroughfare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of South Goa with immediate effect until further orders;

Further, all the arm license holders in South Goa District are hereby directed to deposit all their firearms at the nearest Police Station of their respective Jurisdiction on or before 20th February, 2019. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holder after five days from counting i.e. after the Election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/ /she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal licensed firearm/s or otherwise except with special permission or exemption granted by the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty/Sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful Conduct of Elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 13th day of February, 2019.

Agnelo A. J. Fernandes,
District Magistrate &
District Election Officer,
South Goa Assembly Election,
Margao.

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